REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 2, 2000, Applicants hereby elect Group IV, claims 7-9 (excluding the administration of a polypeptide as recited in claim 7 as originally filed) for examination at this time. Because claim 7 (and therefore claims 8 and 9 which depend therefrom) references non-elected claims, claim 7 has been amended and new claims 10 and 11 added based on claims 1, 2 and 3, respectively, to which claim 7 as originally filed references. Claim 12 has been added to more thoroughly set forth the claimed invention. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claims 7-12 are now pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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